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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
INVITED TO ATTEND FREE "GREEN STUDENTS" YOUTH FORUM ON  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

*Pre-registration Required by April 18*

**SAN DIEGO, CA**— High school students throughout San Diego County are invited to attend the "Green Students" Youth Forum, sponsored by the City of San Diego.

The Forum is an opportunity for students to present their vision for the region's future. City of San Diego Councilmembers Carl DeMaio and Todd Gloria, and City of Chula Vista Councilmember Steve Castaneda will participate in an active discussion with students. The elected officials will link today's current issues with issues that tomorrow's leaders may face.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 2009 Youth Forum will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado in Balboa Park.

Attendance is limited to 100 students from the San Diego region and pre-registration by April 18 is required. Contact Kathie Pishny at [KPishny@sandiego.gov](mailto:KPishny@sandiego.gov), or phone 858-627-3334.

Titled "Planning Our Future: Tag! You're It," the Forum is hosted by the City's Environmental Services Department for high school students interested in education and career opportunities in the emerging "green" field.

Students will be treated to a free film showing in the IMAX theater and explore educational exhibits in the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Lunch will be provided.

"This is an opportunity to link the decision makers of today with the decision makers of tomorrow," said Chris Gonaver, director of the City's Environmental Services Department, which organizes the annual Youth Forum.

"The future for the San Diego region holds tremendous opportunities and many challenges," said Gonaver. "Questions concerning the availability of energy, water, clean air, open space, affordable housing, and the adequate preparation of students to compete in the green job market are critical to consider."

The annual city Youth Forum follows National Environmental Education Week 2009, April 12-18, and Earth Day 2009. This program is funded by California utility rate payers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission and through a Partnership between the City of San Diego and San Diego Gas and Electric.

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